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CALLING ALL ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES IN NEED OF BOOKS!

HARTFORD - Through the generosity of so many that donated books on behalf of this very worthy cause, Councilperson Elizabeth Horton Sheff of the Hartford Court of Common Council would like to announce that her **2nd ANNUAL CAMPAIGN TO KEEP THEM READING** has been a huge success! The campaign kicked off on July 1st and ends on July 30, 2004. The purpose of this campaign is to stress the importance of literacy and encourage children and adults to read through the summer months.

Last year we were blessed with book donations totaling 3,000+, this year we've collected more than **6,100+** books! Books (for ages Pre-K to Adult Education) will be distributed at no charge to residents and various Hartford-based agencies and organizations.

Councilperson Horton Sheff extends the following invitation to those in need of books:

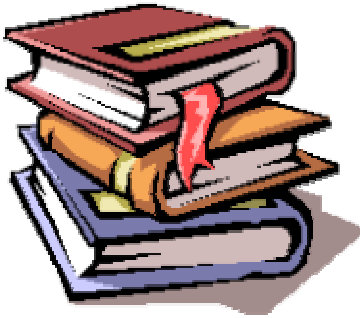
**Tuesday, August 10, 2004, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM,
City Hall, 550 Main Street, Ground Floor (near Personnel
Department), Hartford, will be
"START THEM READING DAY".**

Organizations/agencies should **first** contact Robin Hester, Executive Assistant to Councilperson Elizabeth Horton Sheff at 860.522.4888, extension 6109 - no later than **Friday, August 6, 2004 by 12:00 PM** so that we may set-aside and prepackage books prior to distribution day. Please provide us with your organization's contact information, age/grade range of children for which the books are needed and amount requested.

While there are several organizations already designated to receive books, please know that availability is on a **first come, first serve basis** (while supplies last).

Please spread the word: Hartford WILL **"KEEP THEM READING"**. Thank you.

Continued strength!



*This initiative is part of Hartford's 2004 Campaign
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